


SUB LEAD KOREA ~~PT~~ ~~RT~~ ~~Wed.~~ Dec. 6 - 1950.

Late news tonight tells of an appearance of Red air power in Korea -- more planes than the Americans have encountered or spotted heretofore. Six Russian-built jets assailed a fleet of B-29s, making aggressive passes in <sup>(pairs.</sup> ~~XXXXXX~~ The gunners aboard the super fortresses damaged at least two of the jets.

On the ground at Sinanjiu, twenty Red planes were spotted - ~~ms~~ lined <sup>up</sup> upon the flying field. American fighters pounced on the collection, and destroyed and damaged at least four. They shot <sup>up</sup> the field until their ammunition was exhausted, the <sup>M</sup> went back for more. When they returned for a second assault, all the Red planes able to take off were gone.

The latest in the breakout of the Marines from the Chosin reservoir trap, pictures a drive of ten miles -- during the first hours of the new day in Korea. They reached the town of Koto where five thousand ~~and~~ American troops were encircled. These, upon being relieved, joined in the push southward --

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Right now the American troops trapped at the Chosin Reservoir are driving for the break-out. As morning broke in Korea, brief hours ago, fifteen thousand Marines and Army G.I.'s started their push from the southern tip of the reservoir, in a great armed convoy bound for the Port of Hamhung, fifty miles to the south.

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not too much. Which is an indication, added to many other signs, that the U.N. Forces along the east coast of Northern Korea are moving to form a beachhead for what would amount to a Dunkirk of the Korean east coast, a lesser theatre of action. Over to the west, the all important sector, there's a little news today from the U.S. Eighth Army. No indication still - of where the American forces will make a stand. Everything cloaked in secrecy.

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Here's another story of American prisoners abandoned by the Chinese, after being treated well. Today five U.S. Marines came back. They were captured near the Chosin Reservoir wounded.

They were put in a farmhouse, and the Chinese proceeded to have a feast - on a truckload of Christmas gifts they had captured, candies and cakes from American homes; but the Reds gave the prisoners a bit of the <sup>u</sup> yuletide loot. A Chinese lieutenant, who spoke English, told them they were being treated well,

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because the Chinese knew the Americans treated their prisoners well.

Chief Warrant Officer Donald Meek of San Francisco tells how a Red soldier took a package of chewing gum from him. "But, when I acted like I wanted it," says the warrant officer, "he handed back four sticks and kept one. He took a cigarette lighter my wife gave me the day I left the states, but he gave me that back too."

Time came for the Red soldiers to remove their prisoners - but the five Marines pretended they were so badly wounded they couldn't walk. So the Chinese left them in the farmhouse - and moved on. Whereupon the little party of leathernecks made their way to their own lines - telling another story of good treatment of American prisoners, much in contrast to previous atrocities by the Reds.

## NEGOTIATIONS

In India today Prime Minister Nehru called for a series of measures to end the conflict in Korea. Nehru is trying to take the lead in bringing about negotiations on Korea. India, a great Asiatic nation-seeking to mediate. So what has Nehru to offer?

Today before the Parliament of India, he called for - a cease-fire order in Korea. The establishment of a demilitarized zone between the U.N. Forces and the Reds. And - peace negotiations by all countries concerned, discussions for a settlement of the questions of both Korea and Formosa.

This is a kind of supplement to the appeal made by thirteen countries at the U.N. last night - with India taking the lead in asking the Chinese Reds not to cross the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, the old boundary line. Today, the chief Indian delegate to the U.N., Sir Benegal Rau, stated that the proposal implied an assurance that the U.N. Forces would not recross the Thirty-Eighth Parallel.

He added that the United States had made no

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commitment whatever in this implied promise - to stay south of the old boundary.

He said that, in making the appeal, the thirteen Asiatic and Arab countries had not been given any assurance that the Chinese Reds might be willing to accept. The Chinese Communist delegates at the U.N. had not conveyed any such favorable intimation. Which follows reports that the thirteen countries would not have put forward the suggestion - unless they had some reason to believe it would get a favorable reception in Red China.

(A further development today was a call by the Arab league for a truce of one month in Korea. Also - an armistice for three months all along the line of the cold war, as a prelude to negotiations between the east and west.)

**SUB TRUMAN - ATTLEE**

Reports on Today's Truman-Attlee conferences declared that the President and Prime Minister have agreed that there shall be no withdrawal in Korea unless the badly out-numbered troops of General MacArthur are in imminent danger of being overwhelmed.

The two Chiefs of State are said to be willing to talk peace with the Chinese Reds if they will halt at the Thirty-Eighth Parallel. But they will only negotiate on Korea - the question of Formosa to wait until a later date.



## WHITE HOUSE

At the White House this morning, a former day seemed to have returned, when the newsmen were greeted by Presidential Secretary Steve Early. Reminding them of the Franklin D. Roosevelt era - New Deal and Second World War.

The sudden death, yesterday, of Presidential Secretary Charlie Ross, left an unexpected vacancy in the important post of White House liaison with press and radio. This, in the middle of the Truman-Attlee conference. So the President put in a hurry-up call, and summoned Steve Early back to the duties he learned so well - in his long service as press secretary to F.D.R. (~~Only recently, Steve Early held the high level job of Assistant Secretary of Defense, and then resigned. Now - in harness again, back where he started, seventeen years ago, when Franklin D. Roosevelt became President.~~)

Today his first task was to handle the communique for the morning meeting of President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee.

PRELUDE GERMAN DEFENSE

Tonight in Paris the French cabinet agreed on a compromise plan for German re-armament - which would permit West German military forces in the West European Army, but would forbid any German General staff or Minister of defense. This French compromise now goes into negotiations -- along with other plans.

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There, according to a <sup>French</sup> report today <sup>(Paris)</sup> reported by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. <sup>(Paris)</sup> unexpected, considering the way recent votes have been running in West Germany - elected victory for the Socialists of Kurt Schumacher, who is campaigning against the rearmament of western Germany, while the Germans are given full and equal partnership, which certainly would not be the case, if they had to accept

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We hear that ~~The~~ government of Western Germany ~~is~~ <sup>rejects</sup> ~~so~~ ~~clear~~ ~~against~~ one feature of what is called - the "Dutch Plan." This a solution, proposed by the Netherlands, in the perplexing problem of West German rearmament - getting the potential military power of West Germany into a system of defense, under the North Atlantic Treaty. The Dutch suggest that a West German army be created, with a foreign civilian as - "defense minister." That is, German military forces, under the direction of a top ranking official, who would not be a German - some other nationality.

~~This, according to a despatch today, (was) will be rejected by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. (Which is not unexpected, considering the way recent votes have been running in Western Germany - election victories for the Socialists of Kurt Schumacher, who is campaigning against the rearmament of Western Germany, unless the Germans are given full and equal partnership. Which certainly would not be the case, if they had to adopt~~

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~~a foreigner as defense minister to run their military affairs.)~~

On the other side of the world, we find something of the same thing - talk of possible rearmament of Japan. There are suggestions that the old Japanese army be reestablished - for action against Red China. But today, in Tokyo, Prime Minister Yoshida said his government will reject, what he called - "Any command from a foreign power to rearm." The new Japanese constitution, which we imposed upon them, forbids the Japanese to have an army or ~~to~~ go to war - and Yoshida declares that his government will abide firmly by that clause of the constitution. So, no Japanese army - at least, according to the prime minister.

All of which points to paradoxes, which would be comic, if they were not so tragic. Only five years ago we ended a giant war to crush the German and Japanese armies - and never let the Germans and Japanese have a war machine again. But now, so brief a time later, we are trying vigorously to reestablish

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a German army, and there is <sup>lots of</sup> talk of the same thing for Japan. <sup>For if they can't defend themselves, we'll have to do it.</sup> But the two defeated countries are reluctant.

I suppose it might be pleasant to think of German and Japanese military powers facing the Reds in Europe and Asia respectively - all adding up to the nonsensical futility of <sup>all</sup> wars.

MAIL

They're trying something new at San Remo, on the Italian Riviera - ultra-modern mail delivery. Letters going - by the rocket route. ~~A~~ An international philatelic congress, a rally of the stamp collectors, is being held at San Remo - and, on Sunday, they'll stow a sack of mail into a specially constructed rocket. This will be launched on its fiery course. Destination - Bordighera, another resort on the Riviera, seven miles ~~xx~~ away.

This will be the first attempt at mail delivery -- by rocket.

## IRISH BOOTLEG

Over in Ireland, today, they had a big bootleg raid, which seems to be an annual Christmas custom. On a romantic lake, five boatloads of police went navigating to an island in the middle - a steep and rocky island, famous as a traditional haunt of the Irish moonshiners.

From time immemorial, the favorite Irish tippie has been - "poteen", a potato whiskey. Nowadays, the tax on "poteen" is high, so there's a flourishing illicit business of moonshine. The center of this is Glass Island, in lovely Lake Conn. The Christmas festivities bring a boom in the business of "poteen" - and, every year, police make a raid on moonshine Glass Island, as a sort of Christmas ritual.

Today, it was the same as every other year. The boat - loads of police landed, and local bootleggers paid little attention to them. The cops conducted a vigorous hunt, and found numerous hiding places - seizing bottles and jugs of "poteen." Which bothered the moonshiners of Glass Island not at all. Today one of

them said, with a wink: "Sure, if they didn't find something, they might get curious." So, a quantity of token "poteen" was captured by the cops, <sup>with</sup> ~~but~~ the real supplies <sup>cleverly</sup> ~~were~~ hidden away ~~so cleverly~~, amid the cliffs and crags of the romantic islands <sup>of Conn.</sup> ~~of Conn.~~

All was in ~~an~~ a spirit of tolerance and understanding. After which the police and the moonshiners had a spot of tea. <sup>Or was it</sup> ~~Mostly~~ poteen!

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## DOGS

The love of a child for a dog, is an old story, and today we have an extreme example. In Hollywood, a two year old girl is being fed by injections into her veins, to keep her alive. Because she won't eat, after the disappearance <sup>last Thursday</sup> of a pet dog, ~~Thursday of last week~~.

Little Pamela Lord is the daughter of a Hollywood screen writer, Robert Lord. When she was born, the family procured a puppy, an Afghan, and the child and dog were reared together. They were inseparable - until last Thursday the Afghan, named Abdullah, jumped a fence, and vanished. After which the child was stricken with such grief, that she refused to eat. So they're feeding her by medical means, while a search is on for Abdullah. Finding the dog would be the real cure.

## WINDSOR

In New York today, an emphatic denial was made in the graphic form of - seven kisses and a hug. In that way the Duke and Duchess of Windsor said "no" -- to rumors of a rift in the famous romance.

Reports began, while the Duchess was in New York, having a gay three weeks - and the Duke was in Europe. That, according to gossip, indicated that all was not well in the marriage - for which Edward the Eighth gave up the throne of Great Britain. (I remember how, thirteen years ago, at the time of the royal romance and abdication, the wonder was - how long would the union last, for which so much had been sacrificed. Well, it lasted for all those years. But now, according to the talk - it was about to break up.)

The answer to the gossip was given today - when the Duke of Windsor arrived from Europe aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth. The Duchess was at the dock, and waited for forty-five damp, chilly minutes - while the great steamship was brought to the pier. Then, the moment the gangplank was lowered - up she dashed. For a reunion -

with seven kisses and a hug. After which the couple told the reporters there was nothing in the rumor of trouble between them - that famous marriage still intact,

1/4 Nelson.

A spokesman at headquarters of the Tenth Army, on the northeastern front, states that American F-80's intercepted a flight of MiG-15's thirty miles north of Haecheon - and the battle was on. At 10:30 reports, it has shifted to the north fifty miles from Haecheon. This dispatch was filed in the morning, tomorrow in Korea. No details were available about the results of the clash of jets - the conflict of the air skies still going on.

This is a novelty - the American air force having encountered little opposition thus far, mighty few enemy planes showing up for combat. The weather all along, has been -- what if enemy air power,

operating in Soviet Russia, were to appear in large force? This first air battle might indicate something like that.